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SUBJECT: ISRAEL AND IAEA BOARD OF GOVERNORS

1. AT BEGINNING OF IAEA 19TH GENERAL CONFERENCE,

ISRAELI DELEGATE (FREIER) INFORMED MISOFFS THAT ISRAEL WAS SERIOUSLY CONSIDERING DECLARING ITS CANDIDACY FOR BOARD OF GOVERNORS SEAT ALLOCATED TO MIDDLE EAST AND SOUTH ASIS REGION BEING VACATET BY PAKISTAN AND INVITED OUR VIEWS. FREIER WAS AWARE THAT CANDIDACY WOULD BE UNSUCCESSFUL AND THAT BANGLADESH HAD LONG BEFORE ANNOUNCED ITS CANDIDACY FOR SAME SEAT. NONETHE- LESS, HE NOTED THERE WAS SOME FEELING WITHIN GOI THAT TIME HAD COME TO REMIND AGENCY MEMBERS THAT ISRAEL WAS MEMBER OF MESA REGION, THAT IT HAD NEVER EXERCISED ITS RIGHT TO ROTATIONAL TURN OF MEMBERSHIP ON BOARD OF GOVERNORS AND THAT IT WAS FAR BETTER QUALIFIED FOR BOARD MEMBER- SHIP THAN BANGLADESH WHICH HAD ONLY BEEN AGENCY
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MEMBER FOR A FEW YEARS.

2. MISOFFS REPLIED THAT WHILE WE WERE SYMPATHETIC WITH THESE ARGUMENTS, GOI WOULD HAVE TO CONSIDER SOME SERIOUS RISKS SUCH A MOVE MIGHT INCUR. RESULT OF ISRAELI CHALLENGE TO BANGLADESH COULD TAKE FORM OF EXPLICIT DECLARATION BY MESA STATES EXCLUDING ISRAEL FROM REGION. IT WOULD BE NOT BE ALTOGHETHER INCONCEIVABLE FOR REP OF SOME RADICAL ARAB OR AFRICAN STATE TO INTRODUCE A MOTION OF SOME SORT FOR EXCLUSION OF ISRAEL FROM AGENCY AFFAIRS, THOUGH LIKELIHOOD OF THIS WOULD BE MORE DEPENDENT ON EVENTS IN NEW YORK. IN ANY CASE, ISRAELI CANDIDACY WOULD TENT TO ENCOURAGE THOSE TOY-

ING WITH MOTION OF INVITING PLO TO ATTEND GC AS OBSERVER.

3. A DAY OR SO LATER, FREIER ADVISED MISSION THAT GOI WOULD NOT ADVANCE ITS CANDIDACY THIS YEAR. WE HAVE IMPRESSION, HOWEVER, THAT MATTER HAS NOT BEEN LAID TO REST PERMANENTLY.

4. NEAR CLOSE OF CONFERENCE, FRIER SENT NOTE TO AMBASSADOR TAPE EXPRESSING HIS GRATITUDE FOR MISSION'S EFFORTS TO FORESTALL ATTEMPTS TO HAVE PLO INVITED AS OBSERVER. LEAHY

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